

MINUTES
STURBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Monday, March 15, 2010 7:00 pm

In Attendance: Linda Cocalis, Bob Audet and John Degnan; Alyssa Rusiecki, Health Agent.

MINUTES — 3/1/2010 reviewed and approved; (2-0, Mr. Degnan abstains).

APPEARANCES – “Lawn Darts” model flying club members appeared to discuss use of the old landfill area. The club periodically must update their agreement with the Board of Health in order to comply with the rules for a cooperative effort. The Board and club members discussed hours, ID, etc. The Board agreed that the club should abide by the rules set forth by manager of the Recycling Center, John Booth. The club agreed.

RECYCLING CENTER/LANDFILL –

Regarding the update of the Household Hazardous Waste program, the Board decided that the rate of pay for the assistants shall be \$15 per hour, (beginning July 1, 2010); starting pay for an assistant is \$13/hr for the first year. The pay for an assistant chemist shall be \$20/hr and the starting pay for a substitute chemist shall be \$25 to \$35/hr. All Hazmat program employees shall sign in with Mr. Booth.

The Board decided not to charge an extra fee for rigid plastic.

The Board will investigate Pay-As-You-Throw for the future.

The Recycling Center sticker mailing program is time-consuming and the distribution system will be re-evaluated for next year.

REGULAR BUSINESS – AGENT’S REPORT – The Agent discussed the amount of work that occurs when a temporary food event coordinator does not give the Board of Health office enough time to process the applications and arrange for inspections. The Board directed Ms. Rusiecki to write a letter stating that thirty (30) day notice is required for all applications and this letter should be sent to the Chamber of Commerce; Sturbridge Tourist Authority; Merchants of Sturbridge and any other houses of worship or charitable or community groups that may benefit from this information. Agent Rusiecki also discussed on-going inspections. Regarding follow-up on the fines that the Worcester Tobacco Collaborative dispensed on behalf of the Board of Health for sales of tobacco to minors, the Board voted to send a demand letter to the offending retail outlets. The Board approved use of the H1N1 grant for computer/printer/internet hardware and will discuss other uses, including but not limited to possible follow-up planning and volunteer honorariums.

ADMINISTRATION – The Board received the monthly bill from Harrington Hospital and it shall be paid, but the bill for the seasonal and H1N1 clinics shall not be paid until a resolution is obtained. Ms. Cocalis left a message for the director of nursing.

The office needs full-time secretarial coverage but since the request was not granted by the Finance Committee, the Board voted (3 – 0) to change the administrative hours to daily, (three hours a day) so that there is some consistent time for public access. The Board will discuss these hours with Ms. Girouard at the next meeting.

The Board votes (3 – 0) to rescind the requests for Town Meeting warrants that were submitted previously regarding initiating a new revolving account for the recycling center and revision to the special event & temporary food inspection revolving account. The Board votes (3 – 0) to

charge \$300 per company plus \$25 per truck for the new trash hauler permit. The Agent will resubmit the synopsis of the trash hauler regulations for publication. The Board votes (3 – 0) to add Ms. Kate Pollender to the pool of names for temporary food inspector for special events when Inspector Woolhouse is away.

Voted to adjourn at 10:00 pm

NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 5th, 2010 7 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Rusiecki
Public Health Agent